

## **Roanoke Island Festival Park May 2010 Events**

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park**

May 1-31

Roanoke Island Festival Park is an interactive family attraction that celebrates the first English settlement in America. Visitors board and explore the park's centerpiece, a representational ship, Elizabeth II. Climb aboard and help costumed 16th century sailors. Try traditional woodworking, play Elizabethan games, and watch the blacksmith at the Settlement Site. Discover 400 years of Outer Banks history in the interactive Roanoke Adventure Museum. See The Legend of Two-Path, a mini-movie about Native Americans Manteo and Wanchese. Experience the new American Indian Town exhibit that includes a wide variety of true-to-scale structures, role-play environments, and places to explore, plant, dance, build and play. The Museum Store offers historically themed gift merchandise and much more. Enjoy the on-site Art Gallery, the Fossil Pit full of treasures, and the marsh-side Boardwalks that surround the site. Admission. (252) 475-1500

### **Roanoke Island Maritime Museum**

May 1-31

This free attraction is a mistake to miss. Vintage boats at the museum educate visitors and locals alike about the craft and history of boat building on Roanoke Island. The boathouse that contains the museum is named in honor of George Washington Creef, the Roanoke Island native who designed the shad boat in 1883 for fishing the waters of the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds. One of his originals, Ella View, can be found on display at the museum. Today, a small permanent staff and a handful of volunteers preserve history in their practice of creating new boats from traditional techniques and repairing relics from the past.

Volunteers also engage in educational and outreach activities that are provided free to the general public. Workshops, classes, and opportunities are available year-round. The Roanoke Island Maritime Museum in Manteo has hours that vary seasonally. For more information, call (252) 475-1750.

### **Mother's Day in the Museum Store**

May 1-9 - Free Gift Wrap (with purchase of \$20 or more-offer good May 1 thru May 9).

Make Mom feel like a queen on Mother's Day with a gift from the Museum Store. See our new sun-hats, beach bags and wind-chimes. Shop for a bone china teapot, ceramic tea-for-one, fine tea and sterling silver jewelry. She will love our locally made soaps, shell wreaths, spices and art. Find beautiful candles, books and grand gifts galore...all for her at the Museum Store! Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (252)475-1506 Ext.252

### **March of Dimes Walk**

May 1 at 8 a.m.

Pavilion

Come walk for this great cause. Contact Jackie Moseley at 757-361-0000 or [jmosley@marchofdimes.com](mailto:jmosley@marchofdimes.com).

### **Mollie Fearing Memorial Art Show**

May 2-26

Art Gallery

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mon-Fri) 10 a.m. 4 p.m. (Sat)

The show, sponsored by the Dare County Arts Council, will open on May 2 in the Art Gallery at Roanoke Island Festival Park. A reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. featuring Trio la Mer, a local string and piano ensemble. They will perform light classics to ragtime and selections featuring Bach to Beethoven, accented by an occasional tango. It is free and open to the public. The show will continue through May 26.

Local and area artists offer recent work for the annual exhibition. It will feature a variety of two- and three-dimensional works from Dare County residents and Dare County Arts Council members. Regarded as a community exhibition, it has a non-juried format allowing artists on all levels to showcase work. Professional artists are chosen to bestow awards.

The show was created to honor the show's namesake, Mollie Fearing, who was a prominent figure in the Manteo community. Fearing helped form the Sea and Sounds Arts Council that evolved into the current Dare County Arts Council. The original organization was formed to expose school children to the arts. Today, the non-profit plays a leading role in the community as a cultural arts programmer. This includes coordinating a variety of arts experiences in the schools and community and operating a member's gallery in downtown Manteo. They are the channel for grassroots funds from the state offering other art-related non-profits grants to further their causes. (252) 475-1500

### **Dare County Arts Community Courthouse Meeting**

May 14 at 2 p.m.

Art Gallery

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series**

#### **Western Carolina University Presents the Catamount Singers**

May 15 at 2 and 7 p.m.

The performance is free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500

### **Dare County Strings Concert**

May 16 at 3 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Dare County Youth Orchestra strings students from Cape Hatteras Secondary, First Flight High, First Flight Middle and Manteo Middle Schools will present a concert on Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m.

Dare County Youth Orchestra strings instructors Leslie Erickson, Sue Waters, Cezette Barnes and Sean McCroskey provide instruction to students throughout the Dare County School District.

The Dare County Youth Orchestra (DCYO) works in partnership with individuals and organizations throughout the community to provide strings instruction for students throughout Dare County. Program participants range from fifth grade through high school level. Students are initially introduced to the violin, but can later advance to viola, cello and bass instruction. To become involved with DCYO, please contact [DareCountyYouthOrchestra@gmail.com](mailto:DareCountyYouthOrchestra@gmail.com). The concert is free and open to the public.

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series**

#### **NC Central University Presents Little Shop of Horrors**

May 25, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m.

"Meet the Cast"— May 25 at 2pm

May 26 and 27 at 2 p.m. "A La Carte Afternoons"

North Carolina Central University Theatre Department rocks its last production of the 2009-2010 Season, which commemorates its 60th anniversary, with 3 performances at Roanoke Island Festival Parks Outdoor Pavilion on May 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. This smashing Broadway musical comedy, "Little Shop of Horrors," a satirical rock musical, guarantees a high-energy, head-bopping, hand-clapping evening that will leave you wanting more! The event is part of the RIFP Performance Series and is free and open to the public.

Also don't miss the free opportunity to "Meet the Cast" of the show on May 25 at 2 p.m. and on May 26 and 27, at 2 p.m., enjoy an "A La Carte Afternoon" which will showcase the talents of the cast.

The production invites you into the crazy, fanatical, exciting world of Skid Row. The kooky cast of characters consists of a rotten dentist, Orin Scrivello (Alexander Jackson), the hip doo wop girls Chiffon (Tiffany Agerston), Ronnette (Ariel Griffin), and Crystal (LaDehra Alston), The Plant Shop Owner Mr. Musnick (Corwin Evans), a simple city girl, Audrey (Jessica Jones), and her timid co-worker Seymour Krelborn (Tyrone Gooding Jr.). Together the technical designers, production staff, and cast have created an electrifying production including upbeat sounds of doo-wop and Motown, written by Howard Ashman and composed by Alan Menken, and under the direction of Theatre Professor, Irving Truitt. Come and celebrate the amazing "Little Shop of Horrors"! It is free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500.

### **The Golden Dragon Acrobats**

May 29 & 30 at 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pavilion

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will offer two performances in the Outdoor Pavilion at Roanoke Island Festival Park on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 at 8 p.m. The event co-sponsored by the Friends of Elizabeth II and Art Fagan. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome so gather up the family and friends and come on out for an evening of unique entertainment. The event is free to Friends of Elizabeth II members; \$10 for those 6 and up; 5 and under are free. (252) 475-1500.